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Dear Sirs,

I am writing concerning Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food." I believe that you MUST continue to require that irradiated food be labeled as such. The proposed alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurizations" would be misleading. Irradiated food should be obviously labeled "irradiated" and marked with the radura symbol.

Since it has been shown that irradiation destroys some vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities, to not label would be very misleading to consumers.

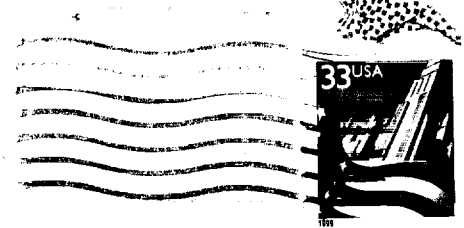
I realize that irradiated food is NOT Radioactive. However, radioactive materials are used in the process. If you drop the labeling requirement, many more facilities will be built, resulting in a bigger waste problem than we already have in this country.

As a consumer I want to know what I'm feeding myself and my children. I appreciate your consideration of my opinion.

Thank you

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